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BOOK REVIEWS.

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The Law of Electricity—Including Electrolysis, Electrical Injuries, Powers, Duties and Regulation of Electrical Companies, Eminent Domain, Taxation, Electrical Contracts, Municipal Ownership, Abutting Owners, Interference with Currents, Injuries to Appliances, Conduits, Street Railways, Master and Servant and Evidence. Covering the Decisions of the United States, England and Canada. By Arthur F. Curtis of the New York Bar, Co-Editor of Street Railway Reports, and Griffin and Curtis on Chattel Mortgages and Conditional Sales. Albany, N. Y. Matthew Bender & Company, Incorporated. 1915. Price \$7.50.

It is said that the human body in every seven years undergoes an entire change of all its component parts. If this be the case with as substantial a thing as the body, what can be expected of the *Corpus Juris*, where there are over sixty thousand decisions rendered every year and about sixty thousand acts passed in the same period. The last work upon the subject of electricity was written just seven years ago and we suppose that no other subject of the law has developed and expanded during that period as has the law of electricity and electrical appliances. This work, therefore, of Mr. Curtis has become a necessity, and an examination of this volume convinces us that this need of the profession has been clearly met by this new volume. It treats extensively of not only purely electrical matters but incidentally touches upon the subjects of importance which necessarily come in contact with electrical questions, such as the Law of Municipal Corporations, Eminent Domain, Taxation, Streets, Railways, Nuisances, Street Railways, Telephones, Telegraphs, Negligence, Master and Servant, and Evidence. Mr. Curtis has treated of all these subjects in connection with the law of electricity in a concise, clear and able manner, and has stated the numerous cases which have arisen upon this new subject, so that this volume puts into the hands of the practitioner a tool for ready use upon all the subjects treated. In power of condensation and clearness—two things hard to combine—Mr. Curtis seems to excel. We cannot forbear commenting upon the excellency of the mechanical work of the book itself. The print is large, the black letter subdivisions enable one easily to find the subject desired, and the whole volume reflects credit alike upon author and publisher.